

Chairman's Report/Executive Director's Report: January 23, 1997

1. Call to Order.

Roll Call: Call on Margit

2. Public Comments.

This is the time for public comments for items not on the agenda.

3. Minutes of November 21, 1996 Meeting.

Needs MOTION, and SECOND. VOICE VOTE.

4. Chairman's Report.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 1997 here in the Jean Harvie Community Center. If Commission changes to every other month format, the next meeting will be Thursday March 27.

Congratulations to Re-Elected Members and New Member:

Re-Elected: Bob Calone, West Delta.

Pat McCarty, Central District.

Bill Salmon, South Delta.

Steve Mello and Darrell Ferreira, North Delta.

New Commissioner: Contra Costa County Supervisor Joe Canciamilla

Upcoming Events:

CALFED Workshop on Prop 204 Delta Tributary Watershed Grant Program, Thursday January 30, 1997 1 to 5 in Resources Bldg Auditorium. Grants of up to one million per project.

California Duck Days, sponsored by the Yolo Basin Foundation, on February 14-17 in Davis.

5. Attorney General's Report.

Call on Rick Frank.

6. Executive Director's Report. Call on Margit.

MARGIT:

In Mailing Packet:

Copy of article written by Christine Sproul of the AG's office.

Category III Grants: Round II: The second round of grants, totaling 10 million have been selected by the Category III Steering Committee. I forwarded to you the September 18 memo which publicized the grants; the November 25 memo listed the selected projects; and pages 9 through 15 is more information about the projects which I through would or could affect the Delta.

January 9: Last meeting of the San Joaquin County COG Habitat Conservation Plan "Habitat Staff Working Group." Now goes to policy committee, then environmental review.

Sludge:

DPC's rulemaking file was filed December 12, and the OAL review period ends Tuesday January 28.

Solano County had a second reading of its ordinance and deleted the prohibition on placing sludge in the Primary Zone because the regulation is not final.

San Joaquin County Board acted on December 18 to extend the temporary ban on sludge and have directed staff to prepare a permanent ban.

MISC: Interview with Commissioner Donald Murphy in Coast and Ocean Magazine.

Spoke at Mosquito and Vector Control Assoc of California Conference on Tuesday, 1/21/97; emphasized need for best management practices for flooding for wildlife habitat to minimize mosquito habitat.

7. Pending Projects Memo. For Commission information only. Any questions or comments?

7A. Briefing on Delta Levees/ High Waters.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: First, I would like to thank DWR staff for keeping me informed through their daily faxed updates.

LEVEES: The Delta has been very fortunate to date. There has been very limited flooding, basically the area downstream of the Cosumnes River--Glanville Tract, McCormack Williamson, and Deadhorse Island. There has been lots of flood fight, lots of boils, slips, cracks, etc. There have been thousands of sand bags placed, and emergency repair work on several islands by both landowners and the Corps.

HIGH WATER: The Commission's suggestion that the regulation of boating during periods of extremely high water did not work so well. Boating and Waterways issued a warning to boaters right away. The Coast Guard eventually issued limits on both commercial boating and recreational boating, but continued to allow recreational boats on the waters of the Delta during daylight hours and with a 5 mph speed limit. They issued these limitations because they got so many calls of concern from the County marine patrols and reclamation districts. The controls were in place for two weeks and were lifted on Monday January 20, 1996. There has got to be a better way, and staff will look into this again.

BRIDGES: As happened in 1986, houseboats from the Walnut Grove Marina and New Hope Landing broke loose, or pilings failed, and lodged against the bridges on North and South Forks of the Mokelumne River, endangering the stability of the bridges and keeping materials and crews from reaching Staten Island and preventing some residents from evacuating. The Counties had to control traffic and bring in a giant crane which pulled some boats out of the water onto the levees and crushed some of the boats. This is an issue that the Counties may need to look at.

CORPS Permits: The Corps has issued General Permit No. 55 which is a regional general permit for emergency flood repair and protection. GP 55 covers: excavation and or discharge of dredged or fill material and other work associated with emergency protection, restoration, repair, or reconstruction measures performed in waters of the United States including repairs to roads, temporary levee construction, levee repair, breach closures, bridge embankment repair, placement of suitable fill material for bank protection, and construction of temporary drainage ditches. The Coast Guard has issued Public Notice 11-88 describing procedures for Coast Guard approval of bridge reconstruction after natural disasters.

CHAIR: Call on individual commissioners for their comments and observations. Try to keep comments short.

Commissioner comments; directions to staff?

Public comments?

8. Follow-Up Report by Staff on Hunting on East Bay Regional Park District Water-Covered Lands in Big Break, Contra Costa County.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: I have distributed a hand out, which describes my meeting with EBRPD and DFG. It seems that the District is willing to allow continued hunting on the water-covered portions of Big Break. There is a meeting scheduled with the hunters, that is on Wednesday, February 12, 1997 at the Antioch Police Department's public room at 7 p.m.

Are there questions of Margit?

Commissioner comments/ direction to staff?

Public comments?

(NO VOTE)

9. Update/Briefing on Status of Recreational Uses Study.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: The survey of sites was carried out by the DPC staff in the fall of 1995, and updated as information becomes available. Each site was visited, in addition, a wide variety of resources was used as resources. The draft inventories have been circulated to the County planning departments and recreation departments and we will be incorporating final comments. In addition, we have prepared the summary charts. In your packet you have a sample chart of one County, and a summary chart of one type of recreational facility. We will have about a dozen charts of the different recreational facilities, each with a map. I handed out tonight the maps to accompany the charts. In addition, I have posted a map of all the recreational sites, identified by number only on the wall. This will be incorporated into the Commission's GIS.

DAVE COX.

Commissioner comments?

Public Comments?

(NO VOTE)

10. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature for Calendar Year 1996.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: The Commission's legislation requires submittal of an annual report to the Legislature and Governor. The report summarizes the work of the Commission in the last year, and lists the projects that have been approved in the Primary Zone.

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Commissioner comments?

Public comments?

Needs MOTION, SECOND, and VOICE VOTE.

11. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolutions of Appreciation for Former Commissioners Freeman, Herendeen and Torlakson.

Need MOTION, SECOND, VOICE VOTE.

12. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Revised Schedule for 1997 Meetings.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: As you know, the recent amendments to the Commission's legislation now requires the Commission to meet at least every other month, rather than every month. This proposed revised schedule would set regular meetings of the Commission in the odd months; subcommittee meetings would be held in the even months. If necessary to hear an appeal, the Commission would hold a meeting in an even month on the dates indicated.

Commissioner comments?

Public comments?

Needs MOTION, SECOND, and VOICE VOTE.

13. Consideration and Possible Creation of Subcommittee to Consider CALFED Associated Issues.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: The Chairman and I discussed the issue of possible creation of a new subcommittee to address and make recommendations to the full Commission on issues regarding CALFED and the CALFED planning process. The Chairman felt he could not be on such a subcommittee as he is on the Bay Delta Advisory Council. However, he supports the concept if there are Commissioners willing to participate in a subcommittee. Upcoming issues include: ecosystem restoration plan, environmental document, levee and channel issues including subsidence and emergency planning.

Commissioner comments?

Public Comments?

Needs MOTION, SECOND, and VOICE VOTE. Need volunteers.

14. Continued Public Hearing and Possibel Vote on Proposed City of Stockton General Plan Amendment.

Call on Margit.

MARGIT: This action has outpaced the Commission; the City has already adopted the proposed General Plan amendment at its meeting on Monday, January 13, 1997. However, to complete the Commission's mandated process, the Commission should reopen the public hearing, accept any public comment, close the public hearing and formally vote on the submittal by roll call vote. Any questions of staff?

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.

Needs MOTION, SECOND, and ROLL CALL VOTE.

15. Commissioner comments?

16. Adjourn.